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EEC-TURKEY
JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

Ankara, 10 April 1979

Mr Emilio COLOMBO
President of the European Parliament
Robert Schuman Building
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Dear Mr President,

We respectfully forward to you herewith the text of the recommendation adopted on 10 April 1979 in Ankara by the EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee at the conclusion of its XXIVth session.

Yours sincerely,

Frankie HANSEN
Chairman-in-Office

Orhan VURAL
Co-Chairman

EEC-TURKEY JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

XXIVth MEETING

8-9 April 1979

ANKARA

The Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC/Turkey Association met at Ankara under the chairmanship of Mr Frankie HANSEN, chairman of the Delegation from the European Parliament, and of Mr Orhan VURAL, chairman of the Delegation from the Turkish Grand National Assembly.

The President-in-Office of the EEC/Turkey Association Council and Foreign Minister of Turkey, Professor OKCUN, the President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities and State Secretary at the French Foreign Ministry, Mr BERNARD-REYMOND, and Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities and Mr HAFERKAMP took part in the discussions.

At the end of its deliberations the Joint Parliamentary Committee adopted the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION

The EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee,

- emphasising the Association's objectives, set out in the preamble to the Treaty of Ankara, in particular:

to ensure a continuous improvement in living conditions in Turkey and in the European Economic Community through accelerated economic progress and the harmonious expansion of trade, and to reduce the disparity between the Turkish economy and the economies of the member States of the Community;

to grant economic aid, taking account of the particular problems presented by the development of the Turkish economy;

to improve the standard of living of the Turkish people and facilitate Turkey's future accession to the Community by means of appropriate Community aid;

- having regard to the necessity to reshape and develop the Association relations between Turkey and the EEC and to its Recommendation of 27 October 1978;
- having regard to the requirements for further development of the Turkish economy with particular reference to Turkish economic planning;
- emphasising the urgent necessity for taking the appropriate measures with a view to avoid and, should they subsequently arise, eliminate adverse effects of the Community's enlargement on the Association relations and on the interests of Turkey;
- having regard to the concrete and comprehensive proposals presented by Turkey and the basic elements of a response of the Community;
- noting the resolution adopted by the European Parliament on 14 March 1979;

Regarding institutional questions and the development of the Association

1. Notes with satisfaction that the relations between Turkey and the Community have entered a new phase following the initiatives recently taken by the Turkish government with a view to reactivating and developing the association relations;
2. Expresses its deep concern that the recommendation of the Joint Parliamentary Committee adopted at its XXIIIrd meeting in London has not been realised and consequently urges the Commission, the Council, the member States and Turkey to take the necessary steps for its fulfilment;
3. Believes that the Turkish proposals, which constitute a sound and concrete basis for the development of the relations between Turkey and the Community, are indivisible in view of the requirements of the Turkish economy;
4. Reiterates its hope that these proposals should have a positive and comprehensive reply from the Community as a consequence of its basic obligations under the Association Agreements to Turkey and of their potential implications in the political, economic, commercial, financial, social and other fields;
5. Regrets that the preparatory work undertaken by the Community on the Turkish proposals has been delayed considerably in spite of the important and extremely urgent character of the problems that Turkey faces;
6. Takes note of the basic elements in the Commission's reaction to the Turkish proposals, expresses concern that these elements do not respond sufficiently to Turkey's proposals and hopes that the response of the Community will take account of Turkey's needs and her proposals;
7. Requests that the proposals of Turkey concerning the period of suspension will be given full consideration in order to ensure the success of this period;
8. Requests the Commission and the Member States to take the necessary action to ensure full respect for Article 24 of the Additional Protocol which prohibits quantitative restrictions and all measures having equivalent effects on imports of Turkish industrial products;

9. Recalls its request that a comprehensive re-examination of the principles and approaches that govern the relations between Turkey and the EEC should be made, taking into account the effects of the enlargement of the EEC on the Association with Turkey in the political, economic, commercial, social and financial fields and hopes that the revision of the Additional Protocol will be achieved with a view to developing the Association on a sound basis;

10. Is of the opinion that Turkey's requests in the agricultural sphere should be fully met within the framework of the Association either through new substantial tariff concessions with a preferential margin over the third countries or through the implementation of a full and automatic calendar, provided that the contents of the latter will be determined according to Turkey's needs and put into force immediately;

11. Emphasises the necessity of eliminating all non-tariff barriers - within the framework of the Association - which impede the access of the Turkish agricultural products to the Community;

12. Is of the opinion that Turkey's proposals in the social field should be supported, particularly in view of the progress made by the Community in this field, rather than considered by rigid interpretation of the provisions of the Additional Protocol;

13. Underlines the necessity that the EEC should respond to the Turkish proposals on a wide-ranging and effective economic cooperation supported by adequate financial resources commensurate with its objectives, and consequently urges the creation of a special cooperation fund with sufficient resources to finance the projects with particular reference to unemployment;

14. Draws attention to the fact that the Commission's recommendations on financial cooperation do not respond to the Turkish proposal so far as the scope of the aid and the instruments are concerned, and consequently requests the Council, the Commission and the member countries to give fresh consideration to them in view of the needs of Turkey;

15. Hopes that the Council, the Commission and the member countries will approach the Turkish proposals in a constructive and realistic manner in order to contribute to the achievement of the common goal, and that the negotiations will be rapidly concluded on all aspects of the Turkish proposals as early as possible;

Regarding the enlargement of the Community

16. Notes that the consultations between the EEC and Turkey have already been started on the accession of Greece to the Community, and urges the Association Council to work out as early as possible, in any case before the accession of Greece, the necessary measures to safeguard the interests of Turkey in the political and economic fields;

Regarding political questions

17. Is of the opinion that both the proposals of Turkey presented to the Community and the present and potential problems facing the Association must be dealt with in view of the great importance that the Community attributes to Turkey;

18. Believes that a satisfactory mechanism to be mutually devised for the political consultations will conform to the links between Turkey and the Member States of the EEC in the political, economic, social and other fields;

Regarding economic and financial cooperation

19. Requests that no restrictive measures in the industrial field shall be taken which are in contravention of Article 24 of the Additional Protocol;

20. Notes the efforts deployed in the international fora to provide Turkey with sufficient financial assistance to enable her to solve the problems of trade deficits and foreign payments;

21. Regrets that the Community bodies have also not yet taken the necessary measures and tend rather to refer the matter to other international institutions, and points out that these efforts in the international fora should not prevent or delay the necessary actions that the Community should undertake within the framework of the Turkish proposals;

22. Urges immediate negotiations of a comprehensive fourth financial protocol aimed at bringing about the extension of cooperation with the Community desired by Turkey;

23. Urges the Member States of the Community to work out further possibilities of extending financial cooperation as soon as possible;

24. Hopes that the Community will contribute within the framework of increased economic cooperation to the implementation of the fourth Turkish five-year plan;

25. Calls on the Commission and Council of the EEC as well as on its Member States to launch an emergency programme to contribute to resolving Turkey's foreign payments and debts problems as requested at the XXIIIrd meeting in London;

26. Takes note of the initiative of the Turkish government to prepare a code of practice for foreign investment in Turkey which will make a decisive contribution to the promotion of the economy and alleviate the unemployment problem;

Regarding social questions

27. Reiterates its regrets that Article 39 of the Additional Protocol concerning social security for Turkish workers has still not been put into effect, and consequently urges the Association Council to complete its task in this respect as soon as possible;

28. Calls again on the Community to assure a significant amelioration of the progress of assuring freedom of movement for Turkish workers pursuant to Article 36 of the Additional Protocol and emphasize the full respect of the Community for this article.

